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## New Deputy City Manager to lead strategic planning at the City of Edmonton

**Edmonton, March 26, 2008** – City Manager Al Maurer today announced that veteran senior manager Joyce Tustian will take on the new role of Edmonton's Deputy City Manager.

The creation of a Deputy City Manager is one of several changes aimed at realigning the City of Edmonton to better respond to the city's extreme rate of growth.

The new position is accountable for developing long-term direction. Tustian's new department will include corporate business planning, corporate policy, regional initiatives, intergovernmental affairs, emergency preparedness and The Office of the Environment.

In more than 30 years with the City of Edmonton, Joyce Tustian has led the Community Services and Corporate Services Departments and has coached other departments through challenging operational issues. Most recently, she has been instrumental in guiding the administration through Council's vision development and the evolving planning and budget process.

"Joyce brings the wisdom of experience to this new role," says City Manager Al Maurer. "She knows Edmonton and our organization like few other people, and she has an extensive background in strategic planning and organizational change management." She will officially begin the new position on April 14.

Other changes coming to the City of Edmonton include a new department of Capital Construction that will exclusively focus on moving major projects forward, including LRT construction, recreational facilities, roadways and other projects.

With a growing population, new demand for services and new funds from other orders of government, the City of Edmonton doubled its capital construction in 2007 over 2005 to $836 million, the largest amount in Edmonton's history.

A new Chief Financial Officer who will lead a new Finance Department will be announced shortly when a national search is concluded. This position will bring a renewed focus on financial policy and long-term fiscal strategy to the City's senior management team.

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